

*Application No. 09/668,482*  
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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/882,164, filed June 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,306,624, which application is a continuation-in-part application of No. PCT/CA97/00440 filed on June 23, 1997 through the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as Receiving Office and designating the United States, and a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/724,466, filed Oct. 1, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,063,606 which application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/667,546, filed Jun. 21, 1996, abandoned, the specifications of which applications are incorporated herein by reference, and which latter application is now abandoned.